

MINUTES  
MANSFIELD INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, January 7, 2013  
Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

Members present: J. Goodwin (Chairman), B. Chandy, R. Hall, G. Lewis, K. Rawn, B. Ryan  
Members absent: K. Holt, P. Plante B. Pociask  
Alternates present: A. Marcellino, V. Ward (7:02 p.m.), S. Westa  
Staff present: Grant Meitzler, Wetlands Agent

Chairman Goodwin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and appointed alternates Marcellino, Ward and Westa to act in members' absence.

Chairman Goodwin appointed Chandy as Acting Secretary in Holt's absence.

**Minutes:**

12-03-12 – Regular Meeting- Westa MOVED, Ryan seconded, to approve the 12-03-12 minutes as written. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Chandy noted that she listened to the recording of the meeting.

12-12-12 – Field Trip Meeting- Ryan MOVED, Goodwin seconded, to approve the 12-12-12 field trip minutes as written. MOTION PASSED with Ryan and Goodwin in favor and all others disqualified.

**Communications:**

The 12-19-12 Draft Minutes of the Conservation Commission and the 1-3-13 Wetlands Agent's Monthly Business report were noted.

**Old Business:**

W1508 - Rebecca Shafer - Echo Road - addition & Deck in buffer

Chairman Goodwin recused herself and Vice Chair Ryan was appointed as Acting Chair.

Hall MOVED, Rawn seconded, to approve the application for wetlands file W1508, submitted by Rebecca Shafer for a garage conversion and conversion of deck and patio areas on property owned by the applicant and located at 45 Echo Road, and as depicted on a plan dated October 29, 2012.

This action is based on a finding of no significant impact, and is conditioned on the following provisions being met:

1. All erosion and sediment controls as described in the application shall be in place prior to construction, maintained during construction and removed when disturbed areas are completely stabilized.
2. Any excess excavation materials are to be graded in the areas between proposed work and the silt fence location shown on the above referenced plan, or to be removed from site.

This approval is valid for a period of five years (until January 7, 2018), unless additional time is requested by the applicant and granted by the Inland Wetlands Agency. The applicant shall notify the Wetlands Agent before any work begins, and all work shall be completed within one year. Any extension of the activity period shall come before this Agency for further review and comment. MOTION PASSED with all in favor except Goodwin who recused herself.

**Public Hearings:**

W1505 - Beacon Hill Estates, Section II, Mansfield City Road, 17 Lot Subdivision

Chairman Goodwin opened the Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m. Members present were: Goodwin, Chandy, Hall, Lewis, Rawn, Ryan and alternates Marcellino, Ward and Westa, all whom were appointed to act. Grant Meitzler, Wetlands Agent, read the legal notice as it appeared in The Chronicle on 12-26-12 and 1-2-13 and noted a 1-13-13 memo from Grant Meitzler, Wetlands Agent that was distributed to all members of the Agency.

Attorney Lenard Jacobs, representing the applicant, introduced members of the team and agreed that the testimony from the Inland Wetlands Agency public hearing may be entered into the record of the Planning and Zoning Commission public hearing.

Edward Pelletier, Datum Engineering, distributed a colored lot layout and reviewed the site and main features. John Ianni, Soil Scientist, Highland Soils, reviewed the wetlands and vegetative makeup of the property, noting that 13.3 acres of the approximately 67 acres is comprised of wetlands. He noted the wetland areas of note and depicted the approximate 300 feet of wetlands proposed to be crossed with a common driveway. He noted that there is a large amount of invasive Japanese Barberry onsite which the applicant is willing to remove from the open space and conservation areas.

Jerry Hart, CES Engineering, discussed the concerns that were raised by Meitzler in his memo regarding drainage and noted that he prepared calculations and will see that Meitzler receives a copy for the record.

Chairman Goodwin noted no comment from the public or Agency. Attorney Jacobs requested the hearing be held open pending any changes that might need to be made to accommodate comments from the PZC. At 7:26 p.m. Hall MOVED and Ryan seconded, to continue the Public Hearing until February 4, 2013. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Old Business:**

W1505 - Beacon Hill Estates, Section II, Mansfield City Road, 17 Lot Subdivision

Item tabled, pending continued public hearing scheduled for 2/4/13.

W1509 - Fisher Builders LLC - Coventry Rd - garage/shop in buffer

Ryan MOVED, Hall seconded, to approve the application for wetlands file W1509, submitted by Fisher Builders, LLC for a garage addition with front porch overhang as shown on application submittals and a plan dated 10/25/2012, on property owned by the applicant and located at 260 Coventry Road.

This action is based on a finding of no significant impact, and is conditioned on the following provisions being met:

1. All erosion and sediment controls as described in the application shall be in place prior to construction, maintained during construction and removed when disturbed areas are completely stabilized.
2. Silt fencing is to be placed behind the garage/shop's southwest corner to prevent sediments from moving to the adjacent property.

This approval is valid for a period of five years (until January 7, 2018), unless additional time is requested by the applicant and granted by the Inland Wetlands Agency. The applicant shall notify the Wetlands Agent before any work begins, and all work shall be completed within one year. Any extension of the activity period shall come before this Agency for further review and comment. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Pending:**

W1502 - Wetlands Violation Ordinance

Item was tabled– no new information.

**New Business:**

W1510 - Sauve Subdivision- 29 North Windham Road, 3 Lot Subdivision

Ryan MOVED, Ward seconded, to receive the application submitted by James Sauve (File #1510) under the Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Mansfield for a 3 Lot Subdivision on property located at 29 North Windham Road as shown on a map dated 12-21-12 and as described in application submissions, and to refer said application to staff and Conservation Committee, for review and comments. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Adjournment:**

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Binu Chandy, Acting Secretary